Mr. K. J. Antony.—Then may I know how they are better qualified, how they are better able to do the work satisfactorily?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—That is my opinion. My opinion of my subordinates is that among them these two officers were better able to do the work satisfactorily.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—Have you tried any other officer of any other caste?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—I have not tried.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—Then how do you know that the other officers are not able to do it?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—I know their capacity. That is my opinion.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—As to their capacity also, I think it is your opinion also.

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—Yes.

President.—All questions should be addressed to the Chair and not to the Member direct.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—I ask the question to the Government and I think I address it only to the President.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—The President should also see that the other side also sticks to that rule. The Superintendent of Excise said 'I, I, I' when giving information. That should also be eliminated. Why this side alone be blamed, Sir?

President.—The Members when discussing forget these principles. There is no intention on their part not to adhere to them.

128. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Urakam Range Aminadar, who, towards the close of 1103, was deputed to bring down ganja, submitted a T. A. bill drawing thereon the T. A. for a peon also who did not actually travel with the aminadar;

(b) was the excess amount thus drawn on account of the peon refunded;

(c) was any disciplinary action taken against him for the false claim;

(d) is this aminadar now being recommended for exemption from educational qualifications in order to promote him to higher grades?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—(a) No.

(b) and (c). In view of the answer to (a) these do not arise.

(d) Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—With regard to the answer to sub-division (a) of this question, I want to know whether the Urakam Aminadar was sent to British parts to get down ganja?

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Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—Yes, he was.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The date?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.— I cannot give the exact dates now.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was it not at the close of 1103, Sir?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—This question has been answered, Sir, in question No. 127. There it is given that Mr. Neelakanda Avyar was deputed three times in 1103.

President.—But his designation is not given there.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.— Has he drawn the T. A. of a peon also who, it is said, accompanied him?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.— Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was it refunded afterwards?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.— I have answered it 'no'. I allowed him to take the peon with him and I sanctioned the T. A. of the peon. It was never refunded.

Mr. T.A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Answer to sub-division (d) is 'Yes.' Is this recommendation sanctioned?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—Orders have been passed. The recommendations have not been sanctioned.

Cocoanut pest.

129. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have issued orders to the Inspectors of the Agricultural Department that places in British also should be inspected for cocoanut pest; if so, the names of the localities inspected by them outside Cochin?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The Entomologist has instructions to watch the insect pest on the borders of Cochin.

Parappukkara Panchayat.

130. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to sttae:—

(a) the date on which the term of the last Parappukkara Panchayat expired;

(b) the date of election of the new members;

(c) the date of nomination and the names of the nominated members;

(d) the reason for such delay for nomination;

(e) has this Panchayat civil jurisdiction; if so, what arrangements have been made by the Department during this long period for the filing and disposal, etc., of suits;

(f) when was the election of the President?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) The term of office of four of the elected members expired on 31st Karkadagam 1103 and

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